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Federal loan rate could rise

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Many at SU could see their federal subsidized loan rates double on July 1. Congress will vote on whether or not to extend the current 3.4 percent rate or double it to 6.8 percent.

In recent weeks, President Obama has been visiting campuses across America bringing attention to the issue and stirring up support for Congress to extend the current rates.

The president recently asked students at North Carolina University if they could afford to pay an additional \$1,000 on top of their current debt. Though this average may be representative to four years of federal subsidized loans at an Ivy League institution, it is important to note that other students at different schools may not be affected in the same way.

With less than two months until Congress decides on the bill, an estimated seven million students from lower income families who use these federal subsidized loans are waiting to see if a compromise can be reached. The decision to extend the current rates or let them expire has Congress split along party lines.

The majority of House Democrats would like to extend the current rates whereas most Republican representatives believe the raise to be a necessary step towards balancing the federal budget. Politics aside, the gravity of this legislation could very likely affect many students at SU.

"It's really a case-by-case issue. There are so many variables that go into how much money different students borrow and for how long," said Barri Zimmerman, director of financial aid at SU. "From 2010 to

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Pulitzer Prize-winner shares riot of a story

BY COREY NETHEN
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Photo of Dick Cooper, taken by Corey Nethen

Dick Cooper's investigative nature not only changed his life, but also transformed the investigation of one of the most notorious prison riots to date.

The award-winning journalist visited Salisbury University's campus on April 30 to share his compelling and inspirational story. The newly-established SU chapter of the

Society of Professional Journalists hosted the event.

Cooper was one of the hundreds of journalists on the scene of the Attica Correctional Facility in New York in September; an atmosphere which he compared to "Disneyworld if it were designed by Adolph Hitler."

The violent and chaotic riot was a response to inadequate supply of basic inmate necessities, such as toilet paper, showers and meals. Over 1,500 inmates seized close to 50 hostages and gained control of a cell block with a list of demands including amnesty.

The state troopers eventually made an ultimatum that these hostages be released. Two hundred rounds later, the battle was over, leaving 39 dead. Cooper was only a guppy in a sea of journalists

covering the event, but the groundbreaking news that he later gained from a medical examiner changed the investigation as a whole.

The police stated that the inmates had slashed the throats of all hostage casualties with knives and homemade weapons. Yet Cooper was told by the examiner that no slashed throats were discovered; all victims had been shot to death by an arsenal of state police during the ruckus.

With the medical examiner as a source, Cooper published the shocking truth and was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 1972. He caused frenzy among the media and state troopers and changed the direction of the investigation. No police were charged in the end but the state distributed mon-

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'Relay' raises \$78,251 to fight cancer

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Members of Alpha Sigma Phi wait at their dunking booth, a popular attraction at Relay for Life.



Junior Karl Popp sits sadly in Relay Jail, a tradition to help raise money for cancer research.

Wicomico County executive proposes new budget plan

BY STEVEN CENNAME
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County executive Rick Pollitt has proposed the budget for Wicomico County for the 2012-2013 fiscal year beginning on July 1. The Wicomico County Council has until June 1 to pass the budget plan.

The budget was due to be proposed in mid-April; however, due to uncertainty in the budget of the Maryland General Assembly, Pollitt had to wait until May 1. Since the Maryland General Assembly has called for a special session to begin the week of May 14, Pollitt went ahead with the proposed budget plan without fear of uncertainties.

The budget includes a slight raise in the property tax in order to stabilize the sharply declining county revenues. Pollitt suggested raises in county revenue over cutting county services to the community which he said would result in future detriment to the quality of life in Wicomico County.

The budget also proposes a two per cent increase in education spending. Education currently accounts for 47 per cent of the county's spending. Maryland has consistently been ranked number one in public education, and Pollitt

is determined to have Wicomico County schools help the state remain at the top.

"The battle in the state legislature over public school funding gives the strongest indication to date that the state government is no longer willing to sit by while counties fail to meet their mandated requirements for educational support," Pollitt said. "Only Montgomery and Howard counties met the state's very high expectations in education and I want Wicomico County public schools to be among the best in the state with highly qualified and highly motivated teachers."

The budget also proposes an increase in infrastructure spending. Wicomico County, Pollitt says, is ranked dead last in the state for investing in infrastructure. Pollitt, a Democrat, urges the Republican-controlled county council to accept the proposal to invest in repairs to the county's schools, roads, public safety complex, courthouse, health department buildings and government office building.

Last fiscal year, several millions of dollars of road work needed in the county had been cancelled due to a lack of funding. Pollitt stresses that if the necessary road work is not completed by this year, the dam-

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Experts talk health care

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN
Gull Life Editor

Salisbury University students, faculty and community members gathered Saturday to discuss the ethical implications of health care and poverty at the 32nd Philosophy Symposium, an event which Philosophy Professor Grace Clement dubbed one of the department's "best and most important traditions."

The symposium was organized by Assistant Philosophy Professor Timothy Stock, who had his students explore different charity organizations to study their missions and practices. He believes it is important for these issues to be brought into the spotlight of open discourse.

The discussion was led with presentations by Duke University Crown Professor of Ethics Gopal Screenivasan and National Institutes of Health Bioethicist Joseph Millum. Screenivasan concentrated his presentation from a governmental perspective, whereas Millum focused on individual responsibility.

Screenivasan's portion of the lec-

ture, titled "A Right to Health: Here, There or Nowhere?" placed the issue of moral rights to health care in a domestic and global context.

Screenivasan said the United States is the only nation that does not provide universal health care, addressing some misconceptions in health care debates.

"People often say that if you give health care to everyone, they will get all they want and it would be too expensive," Screenivasan said. "Others say, 'I should be able to get all the health care I want and others can get the minimum.'"

Screenivasan acknowledged that there do need to be some limits on health care spending. He said that although health care is important, there are other important goods, such as food and education.

In fact, he demonstrated that increased spending does not necessarily improve a nation's overall health. Currently, the United States spends approximately \$8,000 per capita on health care per year and its citizens have an average life expectancy rate of 78 years. Conversely, Japan spends approximately \$3000, but the Japanese have an ex-

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9 AM - 10 AM

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05/01/12

8:30 PM - 9:15 PM

MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

Staff member reported that someone maliciously damaged the men's sauna located inside the University Fitness Club.

05/04/12

3:30 AM - 4 AM

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR

Report of a student acting in a disorderly matter inside Chesapeake Hall. Incident was forwarded to Student Affairs.

05/04/12

3:15 AM - 3:30 AM

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR

Resident Assistant reported a disorderly non-student inside Nanticoke Hall. Non-student was subsequently arrested.

05/05/12

2:45 AM

MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

Report that someone maliciously damaged a fire pull station located inside Choptank Hall.

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8:30 PM - 3:45 PM

THEFT

Student reported the theft of unattended personal property from Henson Hall.

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2011, 6,300 SU students used financial aid services. Three thousand and five of those students received federal subsidized loans.

Many of these students are already swamped with other expenses, and a hike in loan rates would only add to their financial burden.

Some students who have used these loans are glad they're close to graduation.

"I'm at the finish line so luckily it

won't be too much of a problem. If I was just starting out though, I'd be pretty furious. Part of the reason I went to SU was because it was a more affordable University," said SU senior Shea Patrick.

Other students like SU junior Tiffany McLean will feel some of the impact from a change in rates. "If they don't extend the current rates, it's definitely going to add more stress. It would cost me hundreds more dollars and I'm al-

ready struggling to pay my bills now."

National consumer debt statistics used to recognize credit card debt as the highest form of debt faced by Americans. In the last ten years, student loan debt has steadily passed credit card debt. Should Congress vote on doubling the current loan rate, this statistic would only continue to raise ultimately making college less accessible to the average high school graduate.

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pectancy of 83 years. He proposed that health quality is primarily dependent on the efficiency of the system.

Screenivasan acknowledged that health care cannot be an equal universal human right because different nations are innately unequal.

Mozambique spends \$55 per capita on health care, but cannot afford to spend much more, as it only produces a total of \$770 per capita each year.

"It would be impossible to raise them to our own standards," he said. "But we do have an obligation to help improve health."

He proposed that the wealthier nations could maintain their own standards of living while providing a small amount of aid that would have an enormous impact on the poorer nations, noting that if each of the seven wealthiest nations provided one percent of their GDP, the donation would equal \$280 billion each year. The United States, however, has not met this number, as it only donates 0.2 percent.

SU sophomore English and nursing major Nahia Nahwooga said she was struck particularly by Screenivasan's

presentation. As a future nurse and philosophy enthusiast, she said the issue of the right to health care was very important to her.

"If I'm getting health care and someone else isn't, you can't call that a universal right, even though it should be," she said.

Millum's presentation, entitled "Individual Obligations and Global Health," looked at the obligation from an individual's perspective, drawing from the works of Australian philosopher Peter Singer. Millum postulated that everyone should ideally be giving more — much more — than Screenivasan's proposed 1 percent.

Millum addressed the pressing reality of poverty, noting that 1.4 billion people live on less than \$1.25 per day. He challenged the audience to consider extra unnecessary items that they might purchase such as an iPhone, new clothes or even a cup of coffee. He explained that these luxury purchases mark a person as absolutely affluent, because they are not necessary for survival.

Millum said all people should dedicate their lives to helping others until

everyone has the means to live a healthy life, giving until they literally cannot afford to give more, drawing on the analogy of seeing a child drowning in a pond.

"Even if it were inconvenient for you to do so, you would still save the child, because you know it's the right thing to do," Millum said. "A (poor) child is also in desperate need, so how is that any different?"

The lectures were followed by an interactive discussion between the speakers and audience, bringing to light further issues such as altruism, medical innovation and inevitable financial limits.

Stock said he believes it is important for his students to be educated about the world around them, noting that he has been impressed with the next generation's desire to seriously ponder issues such as these.

"I've encountered many students here who are looking to gain a new understanding of the world while at Salisbury, rather than simply a degree," Stock said. "And to me, that's truly inspiring."

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age will be more costly than the maintenance.

"I haven't seen any bad roads," says graduate student Molly Weber, "so I don't understand why we need to spend more tax dollars on fixing roads. I'm sure there are other areas where that money can go to. But I do think increasing education spending is a good idea."

For citizens interested in or concerned about the budget, public hearings on the topic are set to begin on May 15. However, due to possible developments in the special session of the Maryland General Assembly, the hearings might be delayed. Citizens can get updated on news about the hearings at www.wicomicocounty.org.

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etary rewards to the hostage's families.

When Cooper began his career in journalism, grammatical errors were removed with a hammer and chisel (as newspapers were printed with hot lead). He witnessed the digital shift in the 80s when computers were kept in their own 8x10 room and commonly lost entire issues due to failing systems. In the 90s, digital cameras started around \$20,000 and only held around 12 photos.

"Platforms are constantly changing. You need to embrace 'the new' as fast as you can," Cooper said. "The skills that you learn at school and experience writes stories, not computers."

Cooper acknowledged that writers need to differentiate themselves from their peers, as journalism is "more like a track race than a basketball team."

In a time where print journalism is spiraling down the drain, aspiring journalists need to grasp these ever-changing platforms which allow information to be released in a number of ways. "More than ever, journalism students need to be prepared to handle anything that might get thrown at them," said Jeremy Cox, communications lecturer and adviser to The Flyer. "That means being able to write web updates on the fly, shoot and edit your own video, build databases and even be able to do some light computer coding. We have to meet readers on their chosen platforms."

Dick Cooper continues to contribute to the world of journalism with his company Cooper Media Associates.



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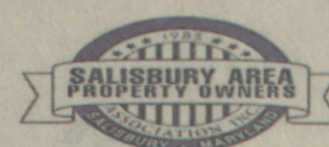
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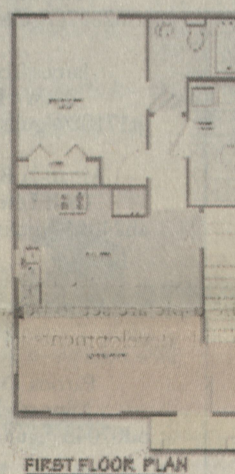
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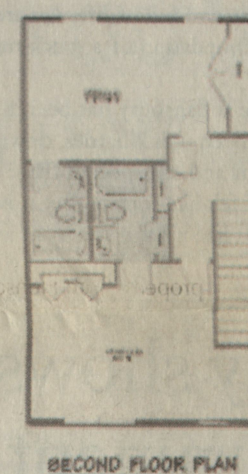
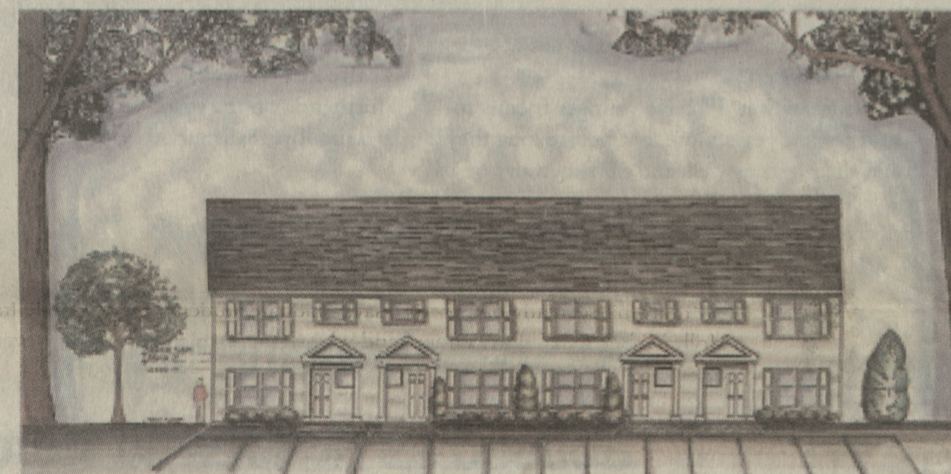
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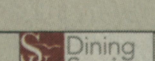
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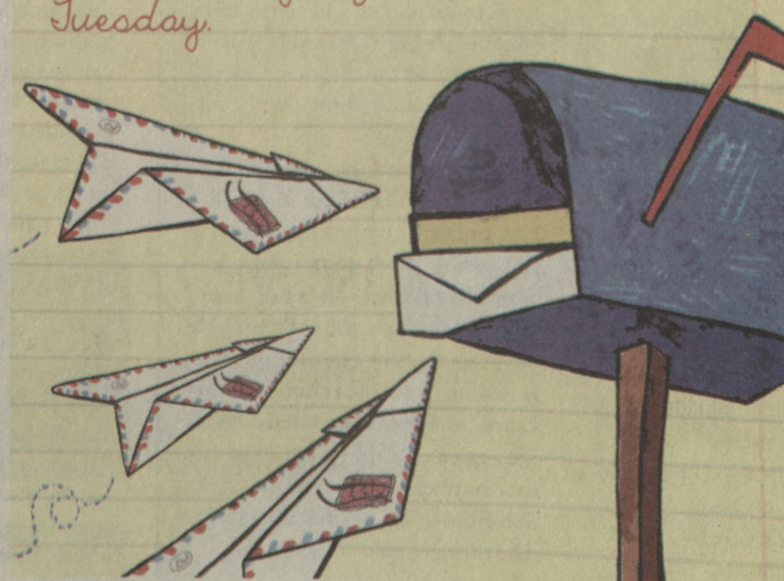
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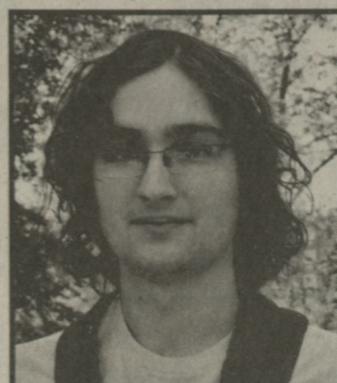
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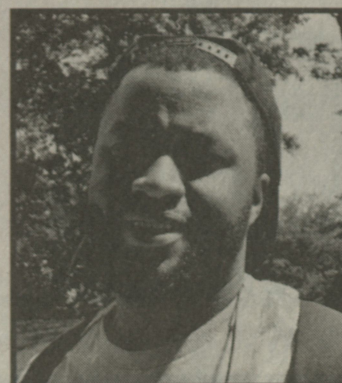


Overheard: What are you planning to do this summer?

Photos by Amanda Libby



"Working at the news station PAC14 in Salisbury."
- Samuel Province, senior



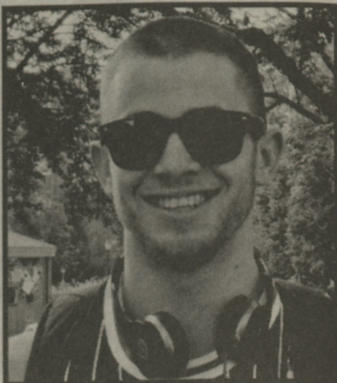
"Get a job and start living my life because I graduate in two weeks."
- Shaynon Thompson, senior



"My dad is taking me to France and Italy."
- Aimee Dixon, freshman



"I will be working as an Infirmity EMT in Montgomery County."
- Laura Schurt, sophomore



"I got fired from Ocean City last summer so I'm going back home to work."
- Andrew Schlegel, junior

Requiem for an era



BY JAMES TOWNSEND
News Editor

These past few weeks I feel like I've been living in a memory. Things that once were, now passed; faces I once knew, now aged.

I know years from now I'll be hearing these songs on the radio and think back to today, my last week of college.

Will these be our glory days? The days when we were happy, free and full of life? Or are these days truly the foundation of a much more exciting life?

My time here at Salisbury has been a roller coaster. It has been uphill battles, downward spirals, sharp turns and unexpected flips. Waiting for the ride to end felt like forever, but now that it's through, it feels like it has gone by in an instant.

It feels like a memory because in a few weeks time, that's exactly what it will be.

I've been counting my time here lately in last. Last movie on the lawn, last powernap in Fireside. Last club meeting, last afternoon out in the Quad.

Soon enough I'll start counting even bigger lasts.

Last time in the library, last time in class. Last meal at Commons, last day with my friends, all in one place before we're scattered out into the real world.

I've been counting my time here lately in last.

Last movie on the lawn, last powernap in Fireside. Last club meeting, last afternoon out in the Quad.

Then finally, it will come, my last day at Salisbury University.

For now anyway. I'll have younger friends to visit for a few years more, but before long they'll count their lasts as well, and SU's memory of us will fade as new students come and go.

Today, we live in a memory. But it's more than

that. It's an experience.

And while the faint smell of sea air in Salisbury's winds, the distant whistle of a passing train, or the faces and names of people we once knew, may fade, it is our experiences here that will never leave us.

I hardly know the person I was four years ago, awkward and angry, ready to graduate before I even got to class. Today, I'm still pretty awkward, but much happier and at home, and desperately clinging to the moment before it all changes forever.

But I'm nearly ready. Just a few more lines of this story and perhaps I'll have convinced myself it's time to go.

Don't let anyone tell you that time is linear. It's a mosaic of people and experiences, building a greater, more colorful you.

Although we may be leaving, our time here will never leave us.

And while my last article with The Flyer is coming to a bittersweet end, I can't help but feel I had more to say.

I've lost the words, but perhaps I'll find them further down the road.

Goodbye, Salisbury.

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Partying professional: How going out can lead to more than just fun



BY ABIGAIL COLBY
Party Girl Problems Columnist

As the semester winds down and our seniors leave Salisbury to navigate the "real" world (more or less), it's probably a good idea for all of us to start thinking about our career goals and how we plan to achieve them.

Some of the world's most successful business people got their foot through the door with social networking. As in the actual in-person social networking, not tweeting about their bad mood or requesting their future bosses on Facebook.

And while in this age predominantly impersonal electronic communication is considered normal privately and professionally, a one on one conversation and hand-shake will still get you further than any nicely worded email or talking to someone's secretary.

Actively seeking professionals outside the office might be just what you need to snag a job at your dream firm or with one of your role models, but it remains an acquired skill. Have no fear, this helpful how-to-guide will help you go from unemployed to professionally irresistible.

Step One: Find them.

Remember, birds of a feather flock together. It's not that \$2 bar-bells or \$5 margarita pitchers are a bad thing (although they do have a tendency to spur bad decisions), but you're simply not going to run into any CEOs chugging brews at bars offering these types of deals.

What you are likely to find is college students drinking off the harsh reality of the corporate world that inevitably awaits them.

And while a good drunk cry over fears of the future at a college bar might be good for your emotional health, you have to look outside this scene in order to meet some movers and shakers. These people work hard and like to let loose too, just probably not around twenty-somethings screaming profanities and falling off bar stools.

Try smaller, more sophisticated bars where you can strike up a real conversation with a professional.

Step Two: Relate to them.

As fun as it is for them to answer the same five questions over and over while they're on the clock, odds are they might want to steer away from stiff conversation while they're out.

This is where you can use the social factor to your advantage. Regardless of the venue, as long as it's not the office, talk about whatever you want! Maybe their son or daughter played the same sport you did or you are alumnae of the same university.

While a job interview usually consists of questions strictly related to tasks and job performance, these types of interactions come with the freedom to really get to know higher ups without them acting as

higher ups.

Step Three: Seal the deal.

Slow and steady wins the race. If you come up to a potential networking contact and strike up a genuine conversation only to immediately change the subject to shoving your credentials, email and references down their throat, they're going to feel cheated and turned off.

Don't stress so much about mentioning that you would be interested in their company or working for someone they know. Focus on talking about things that will help them connect to you as a person, as people are much more likely to remember a great conversation about golf than a dull one about work experience.

Step Four: Move out.

Ironically, this is the most important part of the networking conversation. While it may be tempting (especially if there are drinks involved) to try to keep them for hours, establish the connection and then leave them to enjoy their night.

If you've been drinking and are continuing to drink while talking, the situation holds a significant risk of getting weird quickly. Keep in mind that you want to be remembered for your charm and interests, not as the girl who cried on their shoulder about her ex boyfriend or the guy who tried to make out with them.

Make the smart decision here. And don't forget that while they might consider this work if you really want to get ahead.

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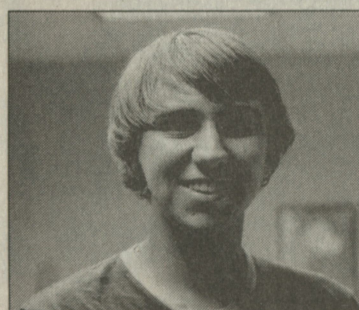
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Study shows divided government leads to poorer America



BY STEVEN CENNAME
Staff Writer

Nobel Prize winning economist Paul Krugman has discovered something quite telling about why income inequality in America is at historically high levels.

A high-income inequality level is measured by the size of the American middle class, which is getting smaller every year. The smaller the middle class gets, the more you have a few people at the very top of the income bracket and many people at the bottom of the income bracket.

In a study, Krugman discovered that income inequality in America may be traced to the level of Congressional division. This means the more divided and partisan Congress is over economic and social issues, the less it helps the American people and their ability to pursue the American Dream.

Both income inequality and Congressional division are at all-time high levels. The levels started to rise at the same time, showing that as polarization in Congress increases, income inequality gets worse. On a voteview.com chart, the lines representing the trends in Congressional polarization and American income inequality are just about parallel to each other.

The same study also shows why the polarization in Congress has gotten so bad. A study by American University indicates that the

Republican Party has sprinted to the right end of the political spectrum over the last decade. The Democratic Party, however, has stayed relatively the same, if not moved closer to the center.

The sprint to the right accelerated under the administration of George W. Bush because his policies purged the American middle class. With massive tax breaks for the wealthy that started the economic depression, income inequality in America soared.

With the rich getting richer, the Republican Party shifted way to the right in order to satisfy the interests of the wealthy people who contributed to the campaigns of the elected officials in the Republican Party. It is obvious that money and politics are linked, but rarely do we get as clear of an explanation as in this study as to how they are linked.

MSNBC political commentator Rachel Maddow perfectly describes this situation.

"In some ways, money renders politics moot," Maddow said. "Whoever has the money uses money to get political outcomes that get them more money, which they use to get even more of those political outcomes which gets them even more money and so on and so on until there's one Daddy Warbucks and all the rest of us are red-haired orphans hoping that he takes a shine to us."

Krugman says that when more and more money is put into politics, political compromise is almost impossible. With compromise impossible, nothing can get done in Congress to save the economy. He suggests that the reason Congress is unable to fix the economy is because the Republicans in Congress are scared that fixing the economy may not help the elite in America, therefore going against the interests that they are paid to serve.

Focus-enhancing drugs abused as academic steroids



BY PETE HICKS
Editorial Editor

Finals week is a time of struggle at universities across the country.

As college students reap the rewards of procrastination, many turn to prescription focus-enhancing drugs to accomplish weeks' worth of assignments.

These drugs should be made available to all students for academic purposes if they are given to some. The unfair advantage that prescription medication gives to certain students skews Salisbury University's grading system.

Drugs like Adderall and Vyvanse are used to treat mental disorders such as Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. While ADD and ADHD are valid medical issues, many see the medicine used to treat these disorders as a kind of academic steroid.

Adderall is a psycho-stimulant that directly affects the reward pathways in the brain. The drug can last for several hours and is available in both short release and extended release dosages, which can make the effects last for up to an entire day.

For patients suffering from attention-based disorders, the effects of the drug allow them to focus on their work long enough to complete it at a normal pace. For students who can focus normally, the drug gives near super-human concentration abilities.

However, some students fake having attention disorders in order to stock up on focusing drugs to abuse during tough times in the semester.

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The negative side effects of Adderall include loss of appetite, insomnia, headaches, muscle tension, irritability and anxiety. Despite these consequences, students continue to abuse the focusing abilities of prescription drugs.

Some students believe they have just as much of a right to abuse Adderall as the people who are prescribed it.

"I think that ADD is really just an excuse to medicate children who don't behave," said an anonymous non-prescribed Adderall user. "We should all be allowed to use these drugs to do better in school; it isn't fair that they are only available to students who acted out as kids."

The students who are prescribed Adderall have a definite advantage over other students, but because they abuse the drugs and because they sell them.

One anonymous student with an Adderall prescription claimed to have sold the pills in amounts as high as 20 to 30 at a time. The focus-enhancing drug business is lucrative at academic institutions.

While abusing prescription drugs is dangerous, there should be some leniency with Adderall. The drug is very easy to get, since all a student must do is tell a doctor they can't focus.

Though this can be said of any drug that treats a mental disorder, focusing drugs are the only ones that offer a legitimate advantage in school to students. Cheating the system to get drugs that treat depression doesn't seem logical or helpful in any way.

Focus enhancing drugs should be available to all students who would then use them to complete assignments and maintain focus throughout class and to save themselves from procrastination. If such a policy is enacted, the academic playing field at SU would be leveled for all who attend this institution, and students would no longer be able to extort money from classmates who are trying to compete for the best grade.

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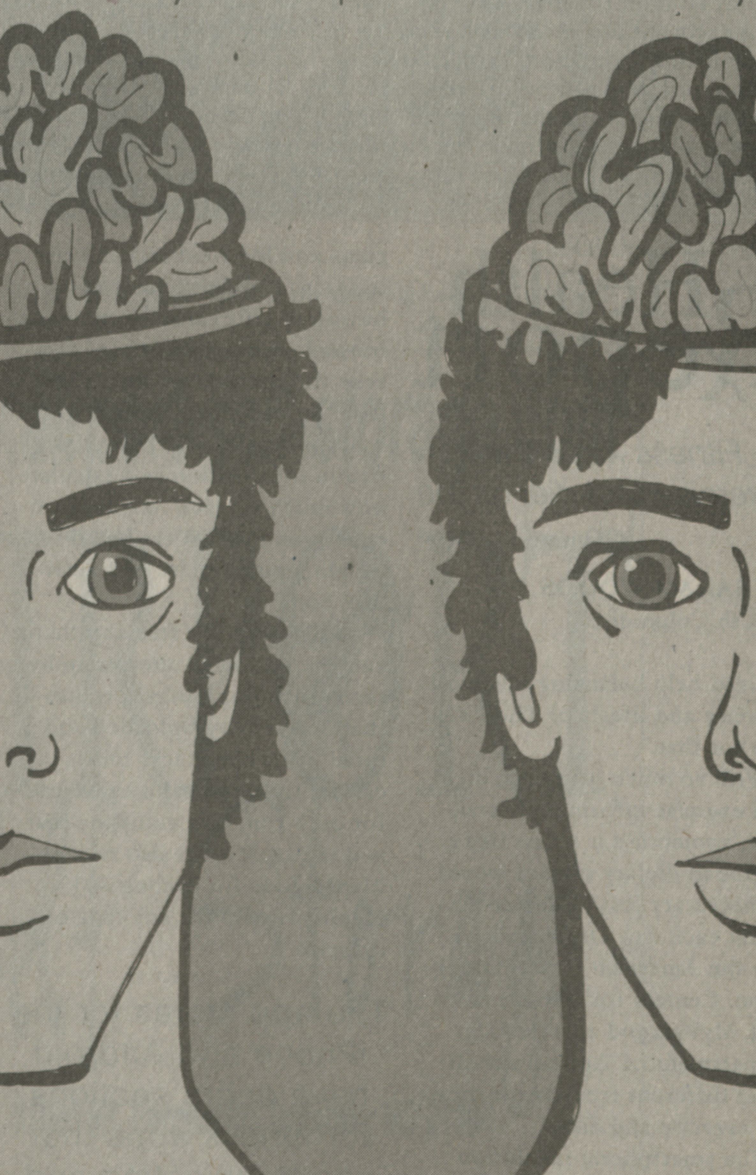
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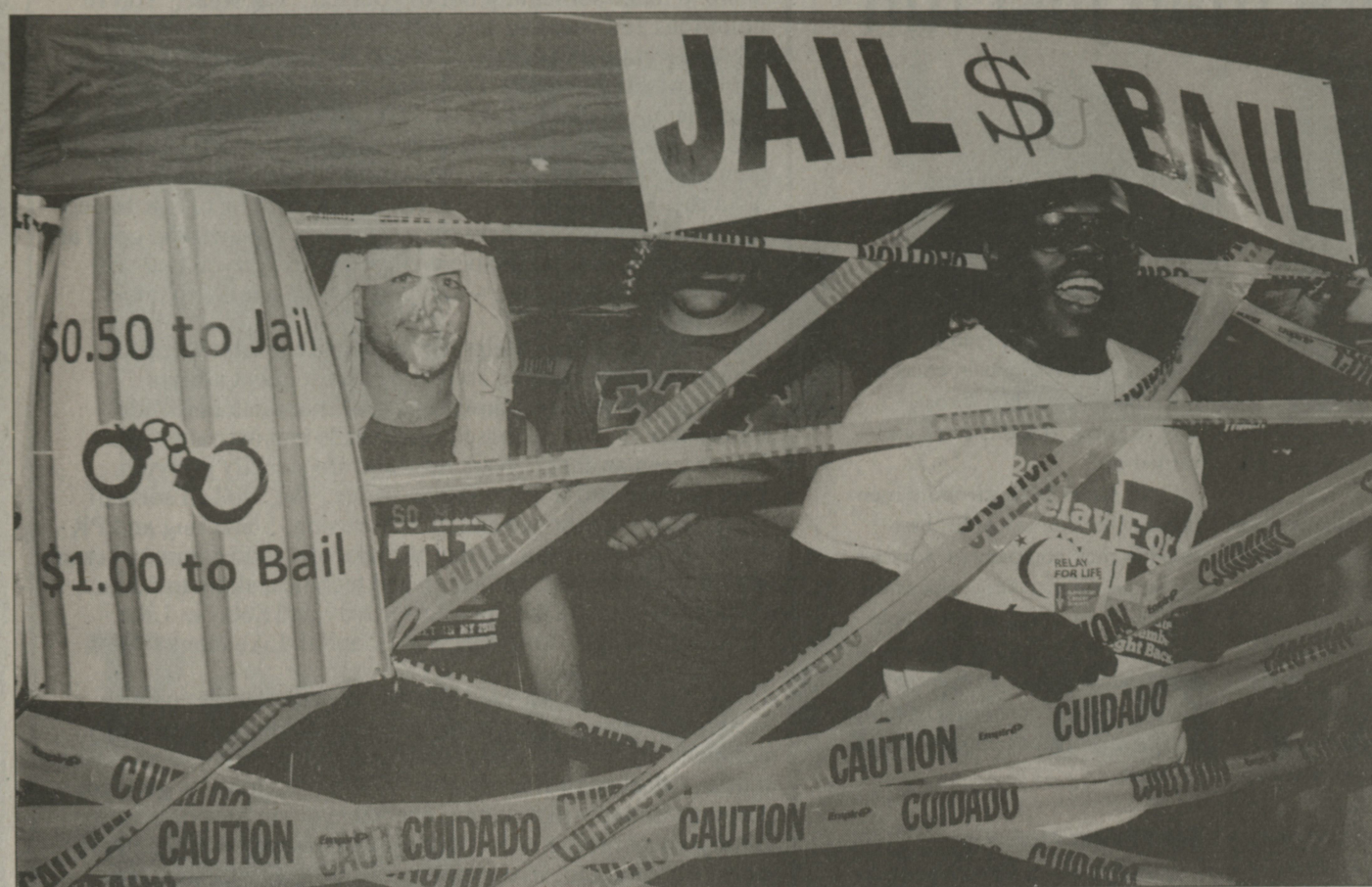
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On page 6 of the May 1 issue, in an article titled "Student groups celebrate diversity," The Flyer incorrectly captioned a photo. The caption read that members of WINK danced to a song by Ludacris, but the photo was of models from Passion for Fashion.



Kristina Miedzinski photo

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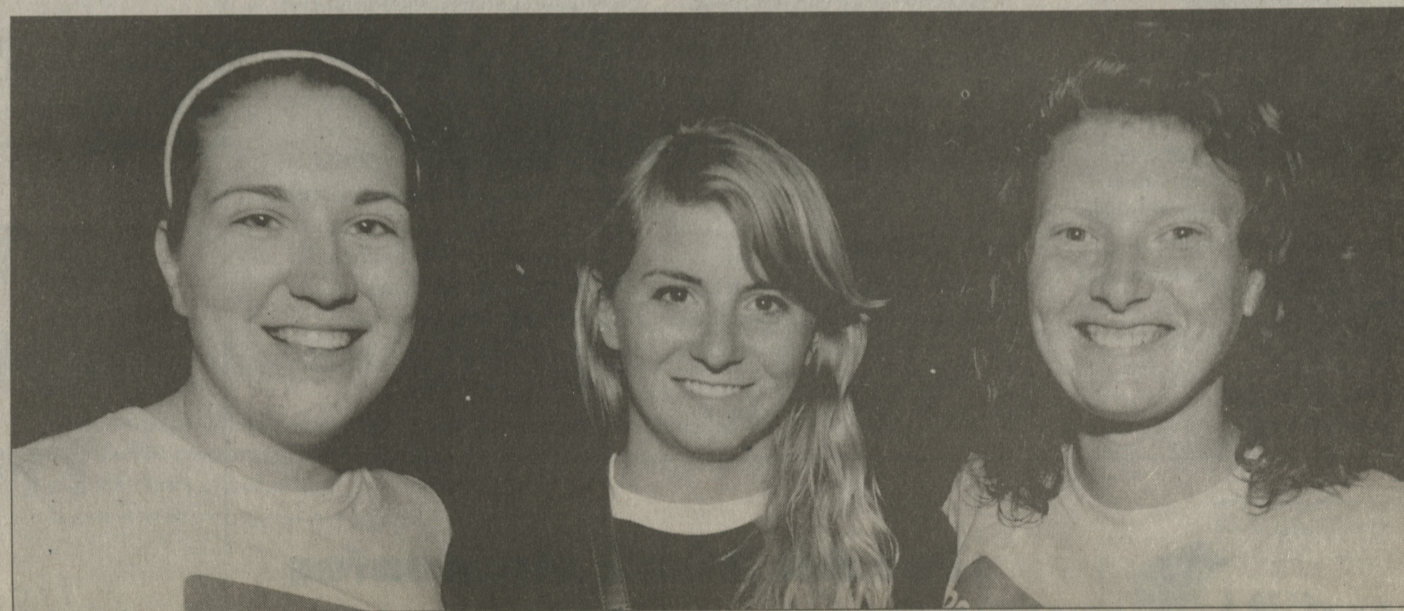
Students sit "in jail" to raise money for cancer research during Relay for Life on Friday night.



Kristina Miedzinski photo

Junior Jake Krampf, winner of the annual Miss Relay competition, walks around the track on Friday night asking for donations.

SU clubs work together to raise awareness for cancer research from sundown to sunrise.



Kristina Miedzinski photo

Melissa Carpenter, Sara Williams and event organizer Sara Williams pose for a photograph at Relay for Life on Friday night.

BY SAMIM MANIZADE
Staff Writer

As night descended on Relay for Life last Friday, candles came to life and over a thousand people came together in defiance of cancer.

The first Relay for Life began with Dr. Gordy Klatt of Tacoma, Wash. As a colorectal surgeon, he had operated on many patients battling with cancer. In order to show support for these patients and raise money for the local office of the American Cancer Society, he organized a fundraiser. He would run nonstop for 24 hours, and people do-

nated \$25 for 30 minutes of running or walking with Dr. Klatt around Baker Stadium at the University of Puget Sound. Since then, people inspired by Dr. Klatt's example have made Relay for Life into a national fundraising event for the American Cancer Society.

Twenty-seven years later, Salisbury University's Relay for Life shows the Relay movement is still going strong. Over 1,300 participants in 95 different teams raised a total of \$78,251 for the fight against cancer. A track was created on the grass at the intramural field along which every team set up a station for raising more money.

The fundraising ideas ranged from simple

bake and food sales to a dunking booth, sumo wrestling, a ball-your-friend-out-of-jail event, a virtual reality arcade, a kissing booth, and a fundraiser where the more aggressive participants could buy a small plate covered with whipped cream to assault their unsuspecting friends.

"There's definitely more involvement this year than last year. The stations are much more creative, not just tie-dye clothing," said Julie Gellman, junior and Student Government Association station leader.

The atmosphere became more serious as Luminaria began shortly after sunset. White paper bags along the track, with the name of

a cancer victim on the outside, contained a candle, which were lit one by one.

As part of the ceremony, Sara Lowery, Interim Director of Student Activities, began a speech. Her words were powerful, made more so by her parents' and her own battles with cancer. She urged participants to remember why they were there.

"Tonight, as you see each bag lit, remember that each of us came here to fight... Among you, there are students fighting and hoping and praying," Lowery said. "This is about them... Remember why you Relay."

Gullstock raises funds for African well

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN
Gull Life Editor

Americans often spend as much as \$20 on one nice meal at a restaurant, yet 1 billion people around the world cannot afford to spend this much per person to provide themselves with clean well water for a lifetime, according to charitywater.org.

The Student Activism Club brought the issue into the spotlight April 30 at Gullstock, the group's first charity concert. Gullstock raised both awareness and funds for the people who literally spend hours each day collecting and transporting jugs of water, even though it is so contaminated that it is not fit for human consumption.

The group set a fundraising goal of \$5,000 for the semester, which would cover the cost of one well. To

date, the club has raised approximately \$3,000. Gullstock, which was supported by donations, brought in nearly \$400. The rest of the money was earned as a prize for the club's video for Salisbury University's "Be the Change" video contest.

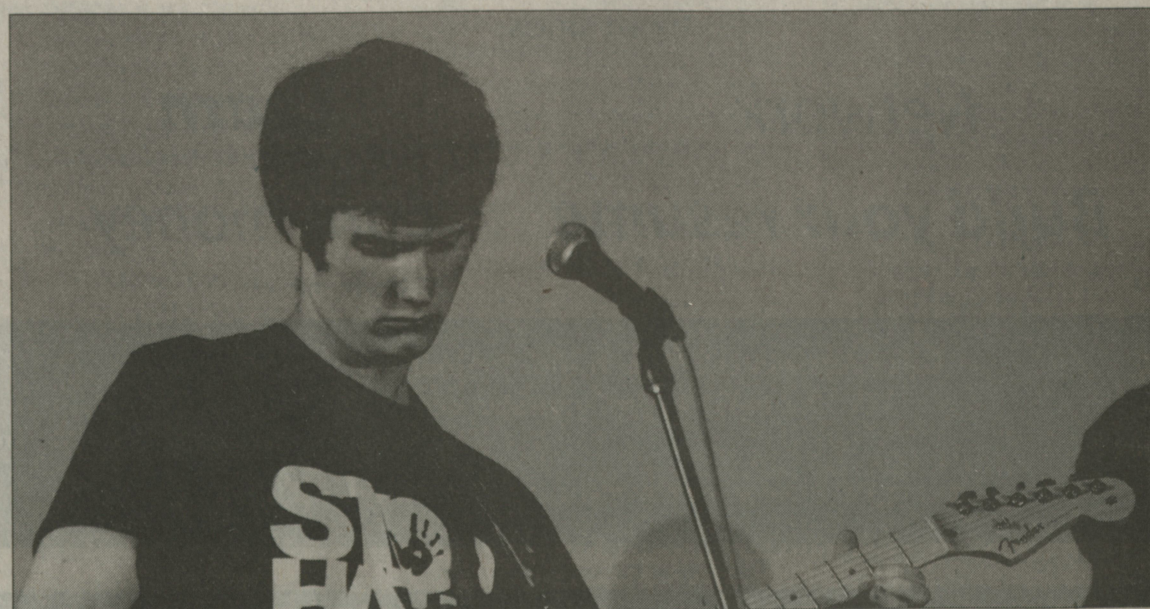
Senior communications major and Student Activism Club treasurer Lorie Liebig said she got the idea for Gullstock from the regular open mic nights that she has attended with her friends.

"We were trying to come up with an idea to raise money, and I suggested that we could have performers," Liebig said. "It just turned into this."

Liebig said they have not made any definite plans for next year. Because she and club president James Townsend are both graduating in May, the next event will be left to a set of new activists.

She said events like this are important because they

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Justin Odendhal photo

Zach Heeter of "New World Order" plays guitar as the opening band of Gullstock.

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Tuesday, 5/08

Zumba Fitness Party
Holloway Lawn
5 p.m.

Music Honors Recital
Holloway Hall Auditorium
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 5/09
No events

Thursday 5/10

Jazz Brazz Big Band Concert
Holloway Hall Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

Friday, 5/11

Classes End!

Champagne Breakfast at Dinner
The Commons
4:30-8 p.m.

Saturday, 5/12

Reading Day

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Concert
Holloway Hall Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

Sunday, 5/13
No Events

Monday, 5/14

Finals Begin

Strawberry Festival
The Commons
7:30 a.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Be the Match reaches out to minorities

BY ALEX ROULAC
Staff Writer

There is a great need for minority blood marrow donors. Of the 9 million people in the registry only 10 percent are Hispanics, 7 percent are African Americans and 7 percent are Asians according to the "Be the Match" website.

Be The Match Foundation will be holding a bone marrow donor registration drive Friday from 2-5 p.m. at the Sea Gull Square courtyard.

Senior and Multiracial Organization President Asena Terry said she wanted to bring awareness to the Salisbury University community about the importance of donating bone marrow.

"I just think especially at Salisbury, we know a lot about Relay for Life, and we have a lot of blood drives," Terry said. "I feel like people don't know that much about donating bone marrow or it has a bad stigma to it."

Account Executive for the Washington D.C., Maryland and Northern Virginia region for the foundation, Juliette Williams, said she is pleased Terry is bringing the drive on campus. Williams explained that people ages 18-44 are usually the best match and are called 90 percent of the time for a patient in need.

"They must be willing to donate to any patient," Williams said.

She said in order to participate in the bone

marrow drive, one must meet the health requirements. Then they are given a cheek swab and stay on the registry until they are 61 years of age.

Terry said she hopes this event will also help raise money for the foundation. She said it costs \$100 to complete the registration process for each person.

Junior and respiratory therapy major Deanna Krauss said she believes getting involved in the bone marrow drive helps people in need.

"I think one of the main problems with our society is apathy," Krauss said. "I hope that people will see others making an effort to help and do something as well."

Terry encouraged people to donate money or participate in the bone marrow drive on Friday. There will be music and raffles, and students will be able to pie their RAs.

Krauss said she hopes people who participate will feel good about the potential to save lives.

"That is a powerful feeling that can lead others to notice and take action."

If You Go:
What: Be the Match Blood Marrow Donor Registration Drive
When: Friday, May 11 2-5 p.m.
Where: Sea Gull Square Courtyard

For more information, visit bethematch-foundation.org/goto/SalisburyU

GULLSTOCK

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help students face the reality of the world's issues.

"As college students, we're stressed about grades, finals and life...but it's important to remember that there are much bigger issues," she said.

Gullstock featured SU student bands, solo performers and a dance group. Performers included New World Order, John Tully, Will and Ellie, Matt Boyd, the African Student Association, On the Rocks, Camden Lights, Contains No Juice, Tim Lynch, Emily Matthews, Franz the Band and Squawkapella.

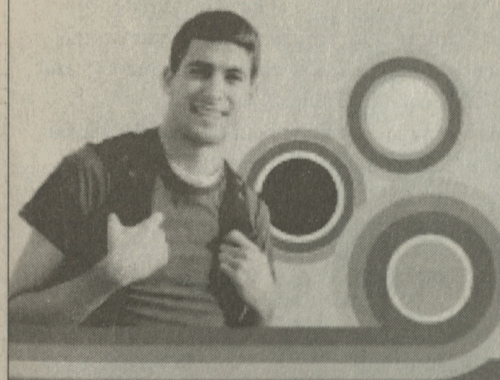
The songs included popular hits as well as original songs, and were performed in a variety of styles ranging from a ukulele performance to an upbeat dance number.

Sophomore Tom Parrish said he found Gullstock both enjoyable and enlightening.

"It was cool that they brought in campus bands; you get to see people who you see around school up onstage," he said. "There should be more events like this. It's fun and helps make us a difference around the world."

To help the Student Activism Club meet its goal of \$5,000, visit charitywater.org/salisbury.

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Football takes no rest in off season

BY CAROLINE HAYMAN
Staff Writer

To some, football may just be another fall sport. But to the Salisbury University Football team, it is a year-round commitment—a way of life.

Last season, the Sea Gulls went 9-1 in the regular season and 11-2 overall, with their only loss handed to them by long-time rival Wesley College. The team won the Empire 8 conference their first season in it. They made it all the way to the NCAA Division III Quarter Finals and lost to Wisconsin-Whitewater who went on to be the Division III Champions.

"I'm so excited for this season, but at the same time its bitter-sweet," said future senior slotback Nick Aloï. "Every day [your last season] is the only thing on your mind."

SU has their sights set on this upcoming season and have been working hard to increase their skills and discipline. Between lifting, practices and meetings, the players are doing all they can to physically and mentally prepare themselves for the 2012 season.

Only a week after the last season ended, the team was in the weight room through winter and into spring. In addition to lifting, they worked on football-specific speed, agility and quickness training (SAQs). For the whole month of April, the team had mandatory 6 a.m. spring practices to get ahead of the game.

Four days a week consisted of full football practices and the other three days were spent lifting and running with strength and conditioning coaches. On Aug. 12, the team will begin their two-week long camp. The amount of lifting, running and practicing is a

grueling test of their commitment to the team.

The first week, all of the players must remain on campus to "build team comradery and organization" according to rising Senior Kevin Costello. Rookies are paired with veterans to help the freshmen go through the growing pains of camp. Together, they are one unit working towards a common goal: to be the best they can be. If one person slips up, they all pay.

When asked what they would say to their younger teammates, both Costello and Aloï agreed, "Don't take anything for granted; time flies."

Football isn't the only thing the athletes are committed to. Little is said about their community service in the Salisbury area. The team is recognized on a national level for their community service efforts. On top of playing football and working towards their degrees, the players stay active in the community by coaching free clinics for grades K-5. They help elementary students with reading, writing, and math. Some of the guys even work with the Horizons Organization as mentors for underprivileged kids.

When asked how he felt about his senior season, linebacker Kevin Costello said, "I think about this every day...there's definitely a sense of urgency. You know your days are numbered playing football. You don't want to take anything for granted. There's a lot more responsibility as a senior. My goal is to win a championship during my football career."

So mark your calendars for the Sea Gulls' first home game on Sept. 8 when the Seagulls take on rival Wesley College under the lights at 6 p.m.

Athlete Spotlight Annamarie Brown



BY PATRICK DRENGWITZ
Sports Editor

Senior exercise science major Annamarie Brown is one of three captains on the Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team for Salisbury University. Along with co-captains Shannon Alexander and Robin Gilmore, Brown, an Ocean View, Del., native has led the team to its first Regional Tournament in five years. SU hit a bit of luck in going to the tourney when a team dropped out

and after calling many other teams, they were next on the list to go.

How long have you been playing ultimate frisbee?
"3 years."

Why did you choose SU?
"I chose SU because it is close to home and the beach but still far enough away that I get the whole going away to college experience."

How did you start with ultimate frisbee?

"When I was a freshman I joined club soccer after playing all four years in high school. Unfortunately it wasn't a good fit for me and I stopped playing. I then started looking for a new sport to play and decided on ultimate frisbee."

What has been the best part of playing on the team?

"We don't have coaches. This means that the team is run solely by students on the team and really gives us the freedom to make it what we want it to be. We also bond a lot from working together to keep the team going."

Was this year's Regionals Tournament the first big tournament the team has played?

"Pretty much. We are a very young team with a lot of passion for the sport, but I don't think we ever saw ourselves getting to Regionals this year. I am so glad I got

to go my senior year and especially that I got to go with this group of girls."

What role have you wanted to play most as a captain?

"I really just wanted to teach other girls how to play and to love the game as much as I do. Passion for the game is a big part of it because most people don't know how to play. But once you learn all you really want to do is spread that love you have for them game with everyone."

What does ultimate frisbee require from players more than anything else?

"Dedication, passion for the game and having fun. Dedication ties in to having passion for the game. The more passionate you are the more you are likely to come and be dedicated to the team. But probably most important is having fun while playing and with your teammates."

Are there any warm-ups or drills in particular that are popular with the team?

"We have a couple throwing drills that are really popular with our team but we also have conditioning practice once a week and to keep it fun we do scavenger hunts and things like that."

Track teams claim CAC championships

BY CAROLINE HAYMAN
Staff Writer

This past weekend the Salisbury University Men's and Women's Track & Field teams traveled to Frostburg, Md., and each claimed Capital Athletic Conference Championships.

Junior Chelsea Tavik dominated in the hammer throw, shot put, javelin throw and discus throw, placing first in all four field events.

Senior co-ed teammate Jay Drenner won first place in the hammer throw, shot put and discus throw.

"Going into the meet, my goal was to win hammer, shot and discus. It was a great feeling achieving my goal and ending my regular season career on a high note," Drenner said.

Senior Becca Stinner placed first in the 800m run, the 3000m Steeplechase run and the 5000m run.

"It's really an honor to be a senior this year and to be the first group of seniors to win three titles in three seasons," Stinner said. "I think I'm going to miss seeing everyone everyday and being able to see my teammates improve from the beginning of the season to the end. I

really am going to miss each and every person. This team means so much to me and the other seniors."

The women's 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams of Whitney Handy, Michelle Clark, Alex Greissinger and Kara Tolson took first in both events.

The men's 4x100m relay team of Jacob Adejide, Tyler Austin, Adrian Jackson and Richard Newman and the 4x400m relay team of Devon Hopkins, Tyler Austin, Blake Bussard and Richard Newman came in first as well.

The women's team racked up 255 total points, leaving Mary Washington trailing behind with only 124 points. Similarly, the SU men's team accumulated 253 total points over York College who followed with 108 points.

"This team has been my family over the past four years, and they have made my experience at Salisbury awesome," Drenner said. "I want my teammates to know how thankful I am for them, and I want to tell them to keep working hard, keep breaking records and win more CAC championships."

The team's next meet will be held on May 14 versus Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pa.

SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR

Wednesday - 5/9

*Men's & Women's Lacrosse
TBA NCAA Second Round
TBA

Thursday - 5/10

*Baseball @ Montclair St. at 3:30 p.m.

Saturday - 5/12

*Men & Women's Lacrosse
TBA NCAA Second Round
TBA

Sunday - 5/13

*Women's Lacrosse TBA
NCAA Regional Finals TBA

Monday - 5/14

*Track & Field vs. SWAT Last Chance Meet @ Swarthmore, PA. at 4 p.m.

Wednesday - 5/16

*Men's Lacrosse TBA NCAA Quarter Finals TBA
*Baseball TBD NCAA Regionals TBA

Thursday - 5/17

*Track & Field vs. Lions' Last Chance Meet @ Ewing, N.J. at 11 a.m.
*Baseball TBA NCAA Regionals TBA

Friday - 5/18

*Baseball TBA NCAA Regionals TBA

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Excitement in the air as Orioles make early-season surge

BY MARK ECKARD
Staff Writer

In the words of the old Baltimore Orioles rallying cry from the 70s and 80s, "Oriole Magic, feel it happen."

The O's have rocketed out of the starting gate so far this season, posting an 18-9 record through the first 26 games of their 2012 campaign.

A combination of solid starting pitching, timely hitting and one of the best bullpens in the majors has propelled the black and orange into second place in the dangerous American League East Division nearly a month in.

The early excitement growing in the Beltway area has spread to the Eastern Shore quickly with students at Salisbury University hoping for newly found success to continue.

"I've been a fan of the Orioles for my entire life," said junior Nick Gentry. "I think they're playing harder than any other Orioles team I've seen over the years."

The Oriole magic of the old Baltimore teams has returned every year in a few moments of unexpected glory, but this year baseball fans have seen it accumulate in bunches.

From the five-run 10th inning defeat by catcher Matt Weiters' grand slam to key the White Sox 10-4 on April 16, to the five-run ninth inning just a week ago culminated by Wilson Betemit's three-run game-ending line shot in a 5-2 win over Oakland, Oriole magic is in full bloom like the May flowers of spring.

"Offensively the O's have been relatively productive over the years, even when they struggled, but what has changed is their ability to make things happen in late game, clutch situations," Gentry said.

Moreover, the impressive pitching has been fueled by the newly-acquired Jason Hammel who went eight scoreless innings and had his

no-hitter broken up in the eighth against the Twins in his first start with the Birds.

"He seems like he has the stuff to continue to be effective," Gentry said.

Hammel is 4-1 with a 2.09 ERA while fellow new arrival, the Taiwanese-born Wei-Yin Chen is 2-0 with a 2.76 ERA.

"The starting pitchers seem to be going deep into the games, which takes a lot of pressure off the bullpen and allows for them to be fresh when needed," said junior Andrew Levy. "And because of that, our bullpen currently has the lowest ERA in the American League."

Levy knows his way around the mound as well, pitching for the Sea Gulls and leading the staff into the upcoming regionals and beyond.

The O's bullpen, through this past Saturday, has gone 21 straight innings without issuing a run, keying a stretch in which the Orioles have won 10 out of last 12 contests.

"Pedro Strop, Darren O'Day and Jim Johnson, to name a few, have great arms and are producing at an extremely high level now," Gentry said.

Backing up the hurlers, Endy Chavez and J.J. Hardy's textbook relay to Weiters to nab the Yankees' Nick Swisher to keep the score knotted in the seventh on April 10, and Nolan Reimold's nonchalant backhanded robbing of a potential home run off the bat of A's catcher Kurt Suzuki on April 29 have highlighted the defensive effort thus far.

So as the season continues into its second month, the Orioles will look to surge deeper into the race in the American League East.

With upcoming home games that will feature matchups against two hot American League teams: the Texas Rangers and division rival Tampa Bay Rays, we may be able to get an even better idea of what the Orioles are made of.

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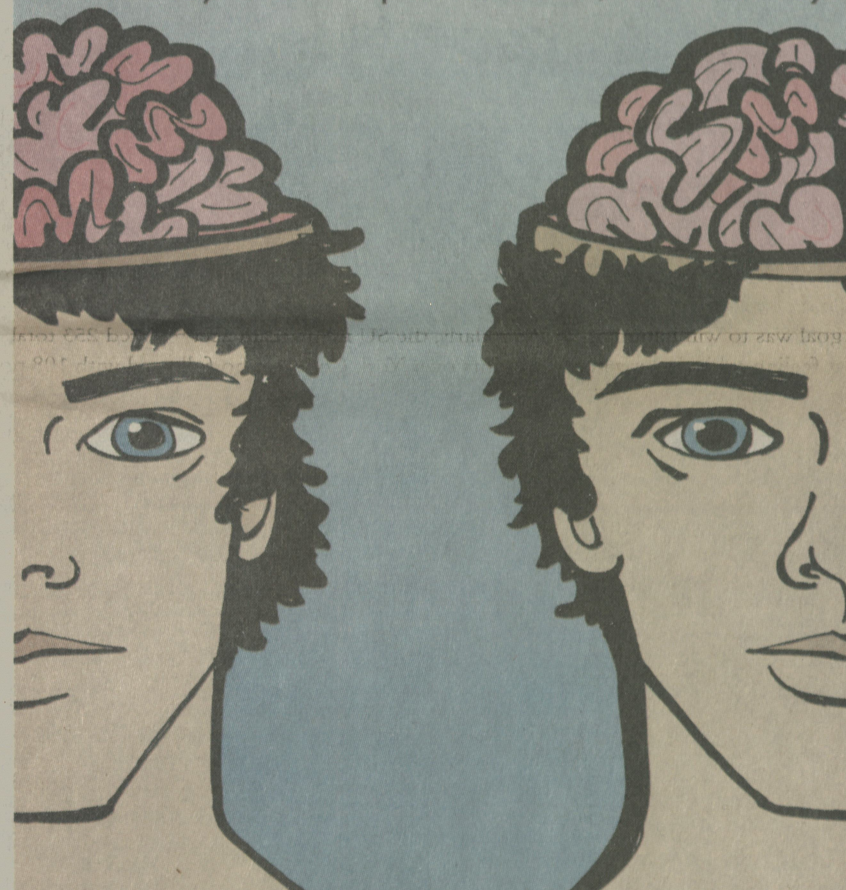


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